

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. An instrument panel mounted on a vehicle, comprising:
 - 2 a substrate; and
 - 3 a first ink reception layer, which covers an obverse face of the substrate and causes ink to permeate therein,
 - 5 wherein the ink permeated in the first ink reception layer forms at least part of indicative scales, indicative numerals, indicative characters and indicative symbols on the instrument panel which are visually presented to a driver.
- 1 2. The instrument panel as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a second ink reception layer, which covers a reverse face of the substrate and causes ink to permeate therein, wherein:
 - 4 the ink permeated in the second ink reception layer forms at least part of the indicative scales, the indicative numerals, the indicative characters and the indicative symbols; and
 - 7 the substrate is made of a transparent material.
- 1 3. The instrument panel as set forth in claim 1, wherein the first ink reception layer is made of a heat-resistant material.
- 1 4. The instrument panel as set forth in claim 2, wherein the second ink reception layer is made of a heat-resistant material.

1 5. The instrument panel as set forth in claim 2, wherein at least one of
2 the first ink reception layer and the second ink reception layer includes a
3 light-diffusion material therein.

1 6. The instrument panel as set forth in claim 1, further comprising an
2 adhesive layer which adheres the substrate and the first ink reception layer
3 with each other.

1 7. The instrument panel as set forth in claim 2, further comprising an
2 adhesive layer which adheres the substrate and the second ink reception layer
3 with each other.

1 8. A method of manufacturing an instrument panel mounted on a vehicle,
2 comprising the steps of:

3 providing a substrate;
4 depositing an ink permeative layer so as to cover at least one of an
5 obverse face and a reverse face of the substrate;
6 providing digital print data according to a design of the instrument
7 panel including indicative scales, indicative numerals, indicative characters and
8 indicative symbols on the instrument panel which are visually presented to a
9 driver; and
10 jetting ink to the ink permeative layer in accordance with the digital
11 print data.

1 9. The manufacturing method as set forth in claim 8, further comprising
2 the step of determining the design of the instrument panel according to a
3 request of the driver.